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Ms. Rajinder Sahota Chief, Climate Change Program Evaluation Branch California Air Resources Board 1001 "I" Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Sahota,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment upon the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Compliance Offset Protocol for Mine Methane Capture (MMC) projects. We commend the excellent efforts of ARB staff and the quality work that was involved in bringing this Protocol forward.

Carbon Venture Partners (CVP) is a project development firm focused on carbon offset credit generation and natural resource conservation opportunities that create economic and societal value.

Offset credits represent a crucial cost containment mechanism to help support the California cap-and-trade program to achieve GHG emission reductions in an economically efficient manner. We believe that the MMC Protocol meets two key criteria that are important to a successful carbon market: the MMC Protocol is both scientifically credible and commercially viable. We commend ARB for their work to bring this Protocol successfully forward.

CVP strongly supports the proposed California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Compliance Offset Protocol for Mine Methane Capture (MMC) projects. This will be the first offset protocol written entirely by ARB through the public protocol development process.

CVP encourages the ARB Board members to approve and render this protocol effective as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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